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[A reclosable child resistant package including a container having an open end and retention means on the internal surface of the container, adjacent the open end; and a closure having a top panel with a sidewall depending from the top panel with retention means on an exterior surface of the closure sidewall that cooperates with retention means in the container. The retention means may consist of cooperating screw threads on the closure sidewall and in the container near its open end. These threads are also used for opening the package. If alternate retention means are used to retain the closure within the container it may be necessary to include alternate opening means to elevate the closure from the container as the closure is rotated. When the package is closed the closure has little or no exposed vertical surface but the panel top surface on the closure is exposed. The package is opened by grasping the container with one hand and pressing the palm of the other hand against the exposed surface of the closure top panel, for frictional engagement, while rotating the palm in the counter clockwise direction to loosen and remove the closure. The top panel may have a slot, suitable for inserting a tool such as a coin, which may be used for opening and or closing the package. Sealing of the package is provided by continuous contact between an external surface on the closure with an internal surface in the container.]

ABSTRACT (new)

A reclosable child resistant package having a container and a closure that is retained within the container on a closed package. The closure has a sidewall having a device such as a screw thread on its outer surface cooperating with a screw thread on the inner surface of the container for elevating the closure with respect to the container when it is rotated. The closure has a top panel, integral with the sidewall, having a top surface being the only closure surface exposed on the closed package. The periphery of the top panel can cooperate with a bead at the open end of the container to retain the closure within the container. Frictional engagement of one's palm with the top surface of the closure is used for rotating the closure with respect to the container to open the package.